

THE President is out west bear-hunting. I thought he was partial to "coons."

WELL, there is consolation in the thought that there will not likely be another Legislature for two years.

HON. CHAS. E. PEERS of Warren county aspires to the Democratic nomination for Judge of the St. Louis Court of Appeals.

If the Clevelands, the Hills, and the Wattersons get in the saddle next year, look out for a lot of busted saddle-girths.

THOUSAND dollar bills must be very plentiful around about Jefferson City when even a poor country editor can get hold of one of them.

It is announced that Senator Bradley of St. Francois county has determined to contest for the Democratic nomination for Congress in this district next year.

ALL school text-book laws are wrong and undemocratic, and their enactment has rightfully raised hell with the party. Democrats cannot follow the lead of Republicans without paying dire penalty.

HENRY WATTERSON says, "one platform is as good as another, because none are binding at all." Then why bother with platforms? The fool people are going to get tired being fooled after a while.

THE chief aim and ambition of Representative Ing of Wayne seems to be to see what a complete fool he can make of himself. Nature has done much for Mr. Ing along the line he wants to pursue.

In a few days now the President inaugurates a two months' campaign trip throughout the country. There used to be a time when Presidents did not beseege the voter, but that was a long time ago.

THERE is some poor consolation in the fact that the National Legislature shows up no better than our own smaller aggregation. "Financial interests" seem to rule everywhere and unconditionally.

JUDGE DEARING will not likely have any opponent if he seeks the Democratic nomination for Judge in this circuit next year. The people know that he is competent and worthy and will be glad to honor him.

So far as has come under our observation the Potosi Journal is the only Republican paper in Southeast Missouri that has had enough American spirit to intimate that it doesn't like federal court injunctions. Our hat off to you, Bro. Degendorf.

How stand the "reorganizers" on the question of government by injunction? They are singularly close-mouthed, but I'd really like to know if they have a proper regard for the sanctity of the Federal Courts. The mob must be held down, you know.

Just at the present time it is rather difficult to foretell who will be the Democratic nominees for Governor next year. In our opinion not one of the avowed candidates is going to be in the race when the finish comes. The people are going to make the nomination.

OUR "reorganizing" friends are a peculiar people: They want to kick Bryan out of the party, and at the same time are abusing the Democrats who supported him because they refuse to assimilate with the contingent who went over to McKinley in 1896-1900. This is very much like a man killing his neighbor's son and then "cussing" the father for not retaining friendly relations with him.

MR. MORGAN wants an extra session of Congress to reduce the tariff on pictures. He bought a few hundred thousand dollars' worth of paintings in Europe last summer and has suddenly discovered that a high tariff, when applied to luxuries, is not as good a thing as he thought it was. It will do very well for the mudsill-stockings, shoes, hats, etc., but works of art ought to be exempted. By all means, let Mr. Morgan have his extra session. Is he not our money king, and must we not all bow down and worship the God he represents?

SPEAKING of the law recently enacted whereby the State of Missouri will go into the business of manufacturing binding-twine, our esteemed contemporary, the Post-Dispatch, says:

If one thing has been made clear since the foundation of the government, it is that the American spirit is stalwart, intelligent, energetic and self-reliant. The American man asks no support from government, but prefers to work out his own fortune in his own way. He asks of government that it guarantee justice and protect the freedom of the individual from invasion. When government goes into manufacture and trade, it leaves its own sphere and invades that of the in-

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dividual, that is, it does that which it is constituted to prevent.

Is there a word in the above that will not apply to the sacred public school system—the system the P.-D. desires to stretch to its utmost limit? Is not school teaching an honorable and useful avocation, and ought not the man who institutes and runs a school be as free from invasion by the State as is, or has been, the carpenter, the blacksmith or the wine-maker?

"THE best thing connected with the Forty-Second General Assembly," says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, "is that the Republican minority counted for more than usual, was intelligently handled, and put a distinct mark upon the business transacted." It did unquestionably put its mark upon the business transacted by that body, but it was the dollar-mark of corruption. No single evil measure, no single bill about which there was a suspicion of bribery, not a shady transaction during the entire session, but had the support of the Republican minority. Without that minority the lobby would have been helpless. After the Republican party through the G.-D. had been howling for over two years against the school book trust, the Republican minority joined hands with the lobby to prevent their own pledges from being carried into effect. We say without fear of successful contradiction that Wm. H. Phelps would have been powerless to have blocked legislation which the people wanted had it not been for the help he received from the Republican minority. The G.-D.'s article, is like the lecture of a notorious dozen of the tenderloin on the beauties of virtue. It is a case of Satan reproving sin. The G.-D. is a concubine of the trusts and only exists to do their bidding.

At the general election in November, 1904, the people of Missouri will vote on a constitutional amendment requiring the railroad to furnish certain public officials with free transportation. Here is the resolution as adopted by both branches of the Legislature:

Every railroad or other transportation company doing business in the State of Missouri shall grant free passage or transportation over its line or lines in Missouri to the Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Schools, to each of the Railroad Commissioners, to each Judge of the Supreme Court, to each Judge of the St. Louis and Kansas City Court of Appeals, to each circuit and common pleas Judge in this State, to each member of the General Assembly of this State, to each Sheriff in this State and to the president or superin-

tendent of each of the several public institutions of this State supported by appropriations made by this State for and during the official term of said several officers; and the failure of any railroad or transportation company to furnish such pass or transportation to any officers above named shall be a forfeiture of its charter or license to do business in this State. And every railroad corporation in existence at the time of the adoption of this section of the Constitution that may hereafter accept the benefit of any aid, franchise or future legislation of this State, shall by such acceptance thereby agree to all the provisions of this section and is subject to all its penalties.

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Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue and authority of a special execution, issued from the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Iron county, Missouri, and to me, the undersigned sheriff, directed, in favor of the State of Missouri, at the relation and to the use of W. T. O'Neal, collector of the revenue for Iron county, Missouri, plaintiff, and against

Electa C. Lyon, Harriet M. Lyon, Henrietta M. Lyon, Frederick L. Billon, William L. Breyfogle, Famous Manufacturing Company, a corporation, P. V. Scully, James Robinson, J. C. Norton, Edward Norman, S. S. Gault, B. Whitney Herr, Otis G. Hill, Silas G. Hubbard, unknown heirs of Enos D. Williams, Caroline R. Williams, widow, P. W. Whitworth, Arthur Huff, and all unknown interested parties, defendant, bearing date December 18th, 1902, and returnable to the April term, 1903, thereof, I have levied upon and seized the following described real estate and property, lying and being in Iron county, Missouri, as the property of said defendants, described as follows, to-wit:

West half of lot 1 of northeast quarter section 1; northeast quarter and the east half of northwest quarter, and the east half of southeast quarter, section 9; southwest quarter of northwest quarter, and the north half of southwest quarter, section 10, all in township 32 north, range 3 east; north half of southeast quarter, and the northeast quarter of southwest quarter, section 32, township 33 north, range 4 east; the south half of lot 1 of southwest quarter, section 31, township 32 north, range 4 east; lot 7 of northeast quarter, section 3, township 34, north, range 2 west; south half of section 11, north half section 14 and east half of northeast quarter, section 15, township 30 north, range 3 east.

And I will, on

Tuesday, the 28th day of April, 1903, at the east front door of the courthouse in the city of Ironton, Iron county, Missouri, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, and during the session of the circuit court, sell, at public vendue, all the right, title, claim, estate and property of the above named defendants, of, in and to the above described real estate and property, for cash in hand, to the highest bidder, to satisfy said execution and costs.

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